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LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS OF VIDARBHA REGION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance to farmers of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra for reducing milk and milk products and also extend cooperation to poor farmers for increasing their income;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Government does not have any proposal to provide assistance to farmers of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra for reducing milk and milk products. This department is providing assistance through various dairy development schemes like Intensive Dairy Development Programme, Assistance to Cooperatives, Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production and Dairy Poultry Venture Capital Fund, to promote dairying in the state of Maharashtra, including Vidarbha region and thus help increase the income of poor farmers.

Funds are also being provided for setting up milk chilling centres,among others, in six suicide prone districts of Vidarbha region under a Special Package.